

# **\*Update #4\* Victim Identified and Laurel Man Indicted on Murder Charges**

**Laurel**— The Delaware State Police in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice have indicted a Laurel man for murder and related charges in connection with a homicide that occurred between March 6, and March 8, 2019.

The investigation began on March 9, 2019 at approximately 7:24 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to S. Shell Bridge Road in the area of Broad Creek Estates for a victim that was found deceased on the side of the roadway. It was later determined that the cause and manner of death was ruled a homicide, sustained from a gunshot wound to the upper torso.

The victim has been identified by the Delaware Division of Forensic Science as 34-year-old **Tia A. Tucker** of Seaford.

Through further investigations, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit identified the suspect as 32-year-old **Joseph Beck** (photo 2010). On March 25, 2019, Beck was indicted on the following charges:

- Murder First Degree
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited
- Abuse of Corpse

Beck is currently being held in Virginia, awaiting his extradition back to Delaware.

The case continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit.

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<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/14/update-2-death-investigation-ruled-a-homicide/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/13/update-state-police-conducting-death-investigation-laurel/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/03/09/state-police-conducting-death-investigation-laurel/>

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